

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. Circular filament lamp comprising a filament supported within an envelope which comprises a tube with its longitudinal axis formed as the major part of a circle, the ends of the tube terminating in pinch seals through which extend current carrying lead through assemblies connected to the filament, the pinch seals overlapping one another generally circumferentially of the lamp.
2. The lamp of claim 1 wherein the pinch seals are offset from one another on either side of a plane containing the axis.
3. The lamp of claim 1 wherein the pinch seals are offset from one another in a direction generally radially of the circle.
4. The lamp of claim 1, wherein the outer surfaces of the pinch seals are surface treated to diffuse radiation from the filament.
5. The lamp of claim 2, wherein the outer surfaces of the pinch seals are surface treated to diffuse radiation from the filament.
6. The lamp of claim 3, wherein the outer surfaces of the pinch seals are surface treated to diffuse radiation from the filament.